

from **“Sharing in the American Dream”** by Colin Powell

Selection Test A

Critical Reading *Identify the letter of the choice that best answers the question.*

- ___ 1. In “Sharing in the American Dream,” what does Powell call the people who founded America?
 - A. leaders
 - B. volunteers
 - C. politicians
 - D. revolutionaries

- ___ 2. What is the source of the phrase “a dream deferred,” which Powell quotes to support the introduction to his speech?
 - A. a poem
 - B. another speech
 - C. a popular song
 - D. his autobiography

- ___ 3. In “Sharing in the American Dream,” what generalization does Powell state?
 - A. No one has time to spare.
 - B. No one likes to be alone.
 - C. All of us can spare thirty minutes a week.
 - D. All of us come from other places.

- ___ 4. Powell states that “up to 15 million young Americans today are at risk. . . .” What kind of statement is this?
 - A. an opinion
 - B. a fact
 - C. a generalization
 - D. a criticism

- ___ 5. In “Sharing in the American Dream,” why does Powell focus on children?
 - A. Children appreciate help more than adults.
 - B. Children have simple, manageable needs.
 - C. Children are pleasant to be around.
 - D. Children are centrally located in schools.

- ___ 6. What concern may listeners to “Sharing in the American Dream” raise, according to Powell?
- A. Corporate American cannot be trusted.
 - B. Not enough people become teachers.
 - C. Congress will not support his plan.
 - D. The task of helping children is too great.
- ___ 7. What feelings might Powell’s words “we . . . pledge” and “we promise” call up in people listening to “Sharing in the American Dream”?
- A. pride, enthusiasm
 - B. suspicion, dread
 - C. boredom, dislike
 - D. humor, anxiety
- ___ 8. What cause is Powell supporting in “Sharing in the American Dream”?
- A. voter registration
 - B. nationally subsidized day care
 - C. better pay for teachers
 - D. volunteerism
- ___ 9. According to Powell, who already supports the goals he expresses in his speech?
- A. some governors and mayors
 - B. some parents
 - C. some teachers
 - D. some children
- ___ 10. What feelings does Powell create in listeners by mentioning the people who founded America?
- A. hope for the future
 - B. guilt
 - C. admiration and inspiration
 - D. worry about current problems
- ___ 11. What does Powell hope his listeners will do when they go back to their communities?
- A. adopt a child
 - B. persuade businesses to produce more
 - C. spread the word about volunteering
 - D. spend more time with their families

Vocabulary and Grammar

- ___ 12. What word is the best definition of *deferred*?
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| A. restricted | C. postponed |
| B. removed | D. defined |
- ___ 13. Which of the following is *not* a prepositional phrase?
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| A. under the bed | C. into the water |
| B. watching the sunrise | D. to the store |
- ___ 14. Which sentence contains a prepositional phrase?
- The rabbit jumped into the hat.
 - The cow ate greedily.
 - The crow flew south.
 - The lion roared loudly.
- ___ 15. In which sentence is compassionate used correctly?
- Jay's compassionate nature made him unpopular.
 - Compassionate people tend to be self-centered.
 - It was love at first sight; they immediately felt compassionate about each other.
 - Judy is compassionate where lost or stray animals are concerned.

Essay

16. Colin Powell is very specific about what he is asking Americans to do. In a short essay, describe Powell's idea. Then, explain whether you think his plan is possible. Use one specific example from the speech to support your opinion.
17. In his speech, Powell lists several benefits children will receive if his plan is successful. Write an organized essay in which you describe at least two of these benefits. Be sure to begin your essay with a clear topic sentence.